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FORMER MANCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, NH State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth, Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, and the Drug Enforcement Agency New England Field Division Special Agent in Charge Mark Trouville announce that Corey D. Wiggin, age 25, formerly of Gilmanton, NH, was sentenced by Judge Steven McAuliffe to a 10 year term of incarceration to be followed by a 5 year term of supervised release.

In September 2003, Wiggin was convicted by a jury after a six day trial for conspiring to distribute five or more kilograms of cocaine. He was ordered detained by Judge McAuliffe following his conviction.

Wiggin was one of nine defendants charged in an Indictment and Superseding Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Concord. The other eight defendants have previously pleaded guilty and have been sentenced.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This case is the product of a two year investigation of a multi-kilogram cocaine trafficking organization based in Lawrence, MA, Manchester, NH, and the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. The case included a 60 day federal wire intercept, months of physical surveillance conducted by all agencies involved, and various other investigative techniques. Mr. Wiggin was a primary cocaine distributor in a state-wide cocaine distribution organization which was as difficult to penetrate as any drug trafficking organization this state has seen. Specifically, Mr. Wiggin, along with other members of the organization, was responsible for distributing multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine in the Lakes Region. This case is a fine example of the perseverance and hard work of all agencies involved."

The New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigative Unit, the Manchester, New Hampshire Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration investigated this case.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Clyde Garrigan and Mark Irish.